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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EGEN, EGY

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

REF: A. STATE 126646; B. CAIRO 5425

1. ON JUNE 2, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH HEINICHEN, ACTING OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR BASIC ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN FONOFF, AND WITH BOECKER, THE DESK OFFICER FOR MIDDLE EAST, TO FOLLOW UP CONVERSATIONS WITH GERMAN OFFICIALS IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON ON AID TO EGYPT AND TO CONVEY CONTENTS PARA 3 REF A. THEY NOTED THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS ALSO RAISED IN THE CORRIDORS OF THE NATO SUMMIT, AND THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS INFORMED. THEY CONFIRMED THAT FRG IS GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO STUDY OF REQUEST FOR \$100 MILLION TO FINANCE IMPORTS, BUT COULD NOT YET GIVE ANY ASSURANCE ON THE AMOUNT FRG WOULD PROVIDE. BOECKER WONDERED WHETHER OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI, MIGHT BE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EFFORT, AND WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT BE URGED TO PROVIDE MORE THAN \$250 MILLION.

2. BOECKER PLANS TO ACCOMPANY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAHN
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WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON JUNE 17, AND PLANS AT THAT

OCCASION TO DISCUSS AID TO EGYPT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING
APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM.

3. IN LINE WITH MINISTER GENSCHER'S COMMITMENT TO THE
SECRETARY, FRG IS INSTRUCTING ITS EMBASSIES IN EC
CAPITALS TO URGE THAT OTHER EIGHT HELP IN PROVIDING
EMERGENCY AID. FRG ALSO PLANS RAISE THIS AT JUNE 16
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN DUBLIN. BOECKER IS
SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER EC COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE
TO MAKE MORE THAN MARGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO INFORM FRG ABOUT
US REQUEST TO SAUDIS TO ASK FOR KUWAITI PARTICIPATION,
AS REFERRED TO IN REF. B.

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